

HEROES OF FRANCE WIN HEART OF IDOLIZING CITY

FRENCHMEN GREET LIBERTY'S SHRINE



Joffre and Viviani displayed great interest in historic Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell and other relics.

PHILADELPHIA, IN WILD ACCLAIM, HAILS JOFFRE, SAVIOR OF PARIS, AND VIVIANI, NOTED DIPLOMAT

Broad Street Station Trembles With Plaudits as Distinguished Frenchmen Arrive and Begin Triumphal March to Independence Hall

"SNAPSHOTS" HERE AND THERE DURING FRENCH ENVOYS' STAY

"PAPA" JOFFRE, Rene Viviani and all other members of the French War Commission kiss the Liberty Bell.

Viviani bursts into tears as he views the bronze statue of Jean of Arc, in Fairmount Park.

Henri Arnoldy, a courthouse watchman, at Norristown, comes to Philadelphia to greet "Papa" Joffre, with whom he fought in the Franco-Prussian War when both were young.

Mayor Smith "springs a surprise" when he presents Joffre with a strictly American marshal's baton, made of wood from a cellar joist of Independence Hall.

Lieutenant Charles Buchler, commanding the envoys' mounted police escort, is a German veteran of the Franco-Prussian War.

For three hours a little brown cur defies efforts of six policemen and janitors to chase it away from a point of vantage at the Girls' High School, where it views the parade.

Viviani and his party burst into exclamations of admiration when they see the main building of Girard College, which is modeled in pure Corinthian style after the noted Church of La Madeleine, in Paris.

Marshal Joffre, after kissing the Liberty Bell, whispers something to an aide. Presently there is forthcoming a generous "cut" of fine plug tobacco, which the Marshal of France deposits in one side of his mouth.

Viviani, who begins triumphal parade with a slouch hat, becomes conscious of the incongruity. Therefore, Mayor Smith uses a little "pull" and a hatter, with seven sizes of "plug hats," rushes to the University, where the former Premier finds one that fits.

Somebody sits on the silk hat of Dr. Ernest La Place, the French Consul.

The French envoys are forced to desert the dessert of their luncheon at the Bellevue-Stratford in order to catch their train for New York.

Philadelphia ecstatically expected complete conquest by Marshal Joffre and Rene Viviani today. But what the City of Liberty could not so clearly foresee, what it scarcely dared to hope for, was a triumph so superb over the very souls—war-torn and serious—of the two distinguished envoys of freedom, acclaimed with a splendor that altogether pales the rhapsodies won by the second visit of the Marquis De Lafayette.

According to Superintendent of Police Robinson, the multitude which greeted the envoys on their tour of the city numbered between four and five hundred thousand persons. The police arrangements were well-nigh perfect. The vast crowd was ever too much enthralled with patriotism and affection to resent the carefully detailed maintenance of order and all needful regulations were observed with the utmost good humor.

This attitude of tumultuous, but always considerate, enthusiasm persisted until the very end of the swift series of epoch-making events. Except during the interval for the public banquet at the Bellevue-Stratford the populace clung close to the heels of the envoys until 2:30 p. m. Marshal Joffre's taxicab took the savior of France to the Reading Terminal, where he boarded his special train for New York. Ambassador Jusserand's difficulty in finding his hat after the luncheon resulted in his missing this train by just half a minute.

The very faintest of smiles wreathed the noble features of Marshal Joffre, hero of the Marne, as he stepped from his car in Broad Street Station at precisely the scheduled moment of 8:58 a. m. It was plainly not weariness that inspired the marshal's solemn mood, for his stride was alert, martial, vigorous. But the almost pathetic glint of his pale blue eyes bespoke a depth of feeling, a poignant sense of the magnitude of civilization's battle against tyranny, that seemed almost out of tune with the spirit of a great city of an allied nation on a stupendous gala day.

VIVIANI ALSO SERIOUS

The seriousness of Viviani was equally marked. When the "Marseillaise" thrilled the vast throng outside the terminal, the masterful statesman's expression was almost tragic. The crowd for an instant seemed hushed by the somber spirit of the new France.

But Philadelphia's welcome proved irresistible. Before the thrilling whirlwind tour of freedom's shrines had been completed the marshal was once more the genial, hearty, kindly "Papa" Joffre of current legend. Rene Viviani had drunk deeply from the brimming cup of patriotic cheer. Against its potency even the tragedy of France could not—at least for one glorious morning—prevail. There was joy in his eyes, not tears.

Philadelphia has assumed the old-time gay patriotism, the confident emotionalism of the Paris of peace days. Thousands of flags waved, hundreds of thousands of throats voiced the love of France and liberty. Such passionate fervor could not be denied, and Marshal Joseph Joffre, unconquered at the Marne, surrendered before a storm of admiration and affection, unparalleled by any other reception ever recorded here to a foreign visitor.

FIELDS OF GLORY

The round of events, the profusion of demonstrations that greeted the envoys would have been almost bewildering, even exhausting without the electrical fervor which converted the whole tour into a ride through the fields of glory. The Marshal will need a very large trunk, indeed, to take away with him all the trophies of his Philadelphia triumph. These varied gifts included a baton made from part of a rafter of Independence Hall, great clusters of flags, bouquets, and the purple and black gown of a doctor of laws. M. Viviani, too, acquired his share of donations, including one which the Marshal did not require. Until the bestowal of his degree, the statesman had been wearing a brown felt hat. Evidently he had felt it to be unsuited to his new doctoral dignity. An array of silk hats of various sizes was sent for on a hurry call. Viviani tried a number of them on in his auto. Some were "trop petit," others "trop large." At last one suited and amid the cheers and laughter of the crowd sartorial conventions were duly preserved.

Mayor Smith and the ex-Premier came first down the station platform. Then fol-

EXCLUSIVE PHOTOGRAPHS THE NAVY YARD since war was declared, showing the TRAINING OF RECRUITS who have just enlisted, will appear in Tomorrow's Evening Ledger Pictorial Section

LATEST SPORTS

BASEBALL SCORES—AMERICAN LEAGUE

BOSTON (1st g.) 1 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 0-1 9 0 WASHINGTON 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 5 3 Shore and Agnew; Dumont and Henry.

BOSTON (2d g.) 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 WASHINGTON 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 Mays and Thomas; Shaw and Ainsmith.

CLEVELAND 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 3 2 DETROIT (1st g.) 1 0 0 0 0 2 0 1 X-1 7 4 Klepfer and O'Neill; Ehmske and Spencer.

CLEVELAND 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0-1 5 3 DETROIT (2d g.) 2 2 1 0 0 1 0 0 X-9 11 0 Morton and Billings; C. Jones and Spencer.

CHICAGO 0 1 0 3 ST. LOUIS 2 0 0 0 Williams and Schalk; Groom and Severid.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CHICAGO 0 0 0 0 0 2 3 2 0-7 12 0 BROOKLYN 2 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0-3 6 1 Reuther and Elliott; Coombs and Miller.

OTHER MAJOR LEAGUE GAMES POSTPONED

OTHER GAMES

LEHIGH 0 0 0 0 0 PITTSBURGH 0 0 0 0 1

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS

Fourth Lexington race, 4-1-2 furlongs—Escoba, 118. Connelly, \$3.70, \$3.20, \$2.60; won: Herald, 113, Crump, \$6.40, \$3.70, second; orby, 118, Lapaille, \$3.00, third. Time, .56 1-5.

LAFAYETTE WINS DUAL MEET FROM BUCKNELL

EASTON, Pa., May 9.—Lafayette's dual meet with Bucknell, which was held on March Field this afternoon was so one-sided it was hardly competitive. Lafayette won by the score of 91 to 21.

JOFFRE AND PARTY REACH NEW YORK SAFELY

NEW YORK, May 9.—Marshal Joffre, Vice Premier Viviani and other members of the French war commission reached New York safely this afternoon from Philadelphia.

300 STRIKE AT CHESTER SHIPBUILDING YARDS

CHESTER, Pa., May 9.—Three hundred employees of the Chester Shipbuilding Company went on strike this afternoon. The men include riveters, holders on heaters and employees of other departments. They ask for a ten per cent increase. The strikers did not create any disorder.

HOUSE TAKES UP FOOD CENSUS BILL

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The Administration food bill, authorizing an extensive food census and carrying a \$5,000,000 appropriation for seeds for food products, was taken up in the House this afternoon.

STOCKS SUFFER DECLINES IN WALL STREET

NEW YORK, May 9.—Under the grip of an almost unprecedented liquidation that started yesterday, the entire stock list, including some of the best investment issues, suffered sharp declines in the stock market today. Losses averaged from fractions to almost four points in some cases. Details of the Federal tax program and investors' desire to buy Government bonds were some of the causes held responsible for the heavy selling. Rails were most affected by the movement. Southern Pacific, Union Pacific, Canadian Pacific and other leading roads of the country falling off 2 to almost 4 points. United States Steel common sold to a low of 112 1/2, but rallied slightly during the afternoon trading.

BALDWIN'S GET ORDER FOR 35 LOCOMOTIVES

The Baldwin Locomotive Works has received orders from the Pennsylvania lines west for twenty-five Santa Fe and ten Mallet type of locomotives for delivery in 1918.

MAY WHEAT JUMPS EIGHTEEN CENTS TO \$3.14

CHICAGO, May 9.—Influenced by the extremely bullish Government report, May wheat today opened at \$3.15, eighteen cents over last night's close, setting a new high record. Other wheat futures went into new high ground also, and corn and oats made sharp gains. There were small recessions before the close on profit-taking.

AMERICAN CITED FOR BRAVERY IN FRANCE

PARIS, May 9.—George S. Dock, of St. Louis, a member of the American Ambulance Corps in France, has been cited for "conspicuous bravery." Section 18 of the American Corps left for the front today. Among the new American workers are: G. W. Penton, Cleveland; R. B. Woolley, Toledo, and F. R. Schoen, Atlanta.

U. S. CONGRESS AWAKENED TO ALLIES' NEEDS

Wilson Wins Promise of Speedy Action for Aid

BILLION FOR SHIPS ONE OF FIRST BILLS

Leaders Are Told That Britain Has Food For Only Two Months

URGES DRAFT AGREEMENT

WASHINGTON, May 9. President Wilson today, in addition to being commander-in-chief of the army and navy, became virtually commander of the Congress of the United States. Due to the great national and international emergency, he obtained from more than a score of Congress leaders definite promises for speedy legislation that, it is believed, will result in saving the Allies from starvation and crush Prussian militarism.

These promises include: One billion dollars for ships. Army selection bill. Espionage bill that will guard war secrets. War revenue tax bill.

The President did not score this single-handed triumph without disclosing the gravity of the situation. Having done this, however, the Congress leaders, in effect said, with one voice: Mr. President, we are convinced of the imperative needs of the Government. These needs will be met as speedily as the legislation can be put through.

WHAT WILSON ASKS

Conscious of increasing friction between himself and Congress and to speed up absolutely essential war legislation, the President summoned to the White House thirty Senators and Representatives. Included in the number were all of the leaders on both sides. The President laid before them the war situation. He explained the urgent necessity for immediate passage of the various big measures which have the endorsement of the Administration. He made it plain that he had not tried to make partisan questions of any of the war problems, but that he had been unable to take Congress as a body into his confidence because of the peculiarly confidential character of the information which has been brought to his attention.

The President urged: That Congress at once compose the differences in the selective conscription bill and pass it immediately.

That it push through the new \$1,000,000,000 shipping bill, either as an amendment to pending legislation or as

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LANSING PRESS GAG HOTLY RESENTED

Congress Near Breaking Point on News Censorship Question

OPPOSED TO AUTOCRACY

Even U. S. Congressman Mum Under Censorship

WASHINGTON, May 9.—Representative Sherley, Kentucky, greeted Senator Williams, Mississippi, today in the corridor just off the Senate chamber. "How are you, Congressman?" asked Williams. "Sorry, but I can't tell you, the censor won't let me," Sherley replied.

The autocratic news gag proposed by Secretary Lansing to shut off discussion and criticism of the country's war policy met with violent denunciation in all Government quarters today.

Congress has about reached the breaking point on the censorship question. The subject is like a firebrand in both House and Senate chambers. Today while Representatives aired their views privately, Senators took the floor and ripped into so-called "invisible government" efforts to throttle the freedom of the press and attempts to bottle up news of the Government's activities and keep the people in the dark as to developments in the great war.

Announcement by Secretary Lansing that he is to be virtually the "news dictator" of the foreign policy of the Government only fanned the fire at the Capitol.

LAWMAKERS ANGRILY PROTEST "We should not and will not tolerate any proposition that restricts comment or criticism during this war," said Representative Campbell, of Kansas.

"I am utterly opposed to any plan by the Government which will not permit the press to tell all that is going on," said Senator Vandaman, of Mississippi.

"We have come to the point where we must distinguish immediately and carefully between a prudent report of affairs

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Partly cloudy and continued cold tonight and Thursday; gentle northerly winds. LENGTH OF DAY Sun rises 5:24 a.m. Moon rises 10:00 a.m. Sun sets 7:31 p.m. Moon sets 1:20 a.m. DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET High water, 10:42 a.m. Low water, 10:58 p.m. TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR 81 91 101 111 121 131 141 151 161 171 181 191 201 211 221 231 241

FIERCE GERMAN THRUST BROKEN BY FRENCH FIRE

Teuton Waves on Chemin-des-Dames Shattered by Nivelles Cannon

BAYONET PLAYS PART

PARIS, May 9. Staggering losses were inflicted on repeated assaults of German troops as they desperately attempted to retake French positions on Chemin des Dames, today's French official statement declared. All attacks failed. Northeast of Chevreux the War Office reported taking of a first line German trench over a front of three-quarters of a mile with 160 prisoners. "Around Chemin des Dames," the statement said, "the Germans attacked the French positions repeatedly in force, but without success, sustaining heavy losses. A powerful effort was made against the plateau Californie, where the assaulting moves succeeded each other continually, although mowed down by machine guns and a footing they were thrown back by gained and the bayonet and they left the field strewn with their dead. "French forces attacked northeast of Chevreux and took the first line of German trenches over a front of three-quarters of a mile, with 160 prisoners."

BAIG THROWS BRITISH MASSES AGAINST FOE IN FIGHT FOR FRESNOY

LONDON, May 9. The tide of battle about Fresnoy was turning in favor of the British today. The village was captured by superior weight of German counter-attacks, made with fresh divisions yesterday. Field Marshal Haig ordered his forces anew early today and they fought their way into new and furiously persistent fighting there. At the same time of the day a portion of the ground taken by the Germans and an improvement of the position to the west of the town. Yesterday's loss, however, is not yet repaired, and the temporary German gain, which will admittedly hamper further operations in the turning of the Oppy front dispatches related the strengthening

Russian Offensive in Rumania

STROGAD, May 9.—After a long series of brick bombardments the Russians began an offensive in Rumania, breaking through the Austro-German lines in the region of Jenzer. The success for the day was announced by the War Office from Jenzer in northwest of Senna.

SLEUTH DEFIES STOTESBURY IN ROW AT TRAIN

President of Reading Company Fails to Delay Special on Own Road

WORDY WAR IN TERMINAL

A heated altercation between William Nye, head of the Federal Secret Service squad, delegated to guard the French envoys, and E. T. Stotesbury, chairman of the Philadelphia reception committee, just as the special train was about to leave the Reading Terminal at 3:30, ended unfavorably for the Philadelphia financier.

Mr. Stotesbury attempted to have the departure of the envoys' special train delayed to introduce Marshal Joffre to Mrs. Stotesbury and until they could find Jules J. Jusserand, the French Ambassador to the United States, who had become lost in the station throng.

Captain Nye, who is President Wilson's personal bodyguard, declared that the train would go according to schedule and that there could be no personal receptions. Hot words followed in which Mr. and Mrs. Stotesbury, John C. Bell and Dr. Ernest La Place took part.

In order to enable Mrs. Stotesbury to meet the marshal, however, Captain Nye invited her to come aboard the special train, as there were two minutes left before the scheduled departure. His offer was indignantly spurned and the Secret Service head immediately ordered the special to pull out, which it did.

Ambassador Jusserand was found soon after the train left. Mr. Stotesbury, who is president of the Reading Company, then arranged to have him sent on the 3 o'clock express, which reached Hoboken about twenty minutes after the special.

Mr. Stotesbury sent a special agent of the Reading Railway Company along with Cortelyou dispatched one of his staff also. A telegram was sent to Hoboken to arrange for the Ambassador to join his party.

U-BOAT SINKS BRITISH MINE SWEEPER; 22 LOST

Steamship Hesperus, of Boston-Manchester Line, Also Torpedoed

LONDON, May 9.—Probable loss of two officers and twenty men was reported in the torpedoing and sinking of a mine sweeper by a German submarine on May 5, by an Admiralty statement today. The men are believed to have been drowned.

BOSTON, May 9.—The steamship Hesperus, formerly in the Boston-Manchester, England, service, was torpedoed by a German submarine on April 5 off the Scilly Islands. According to advices received here today the second engineer and a number of the crew were killed. Twenty-four survivors were picked up after having been two days in open boats.